

## Medical Records and Health Information Technicians

MEDICAL RECORDS and HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNICIANS ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems. They may also use computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data for the purpose of improving patient care or controlling costs. They may specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research. They may serve as cancer registrars who gather and maintain data on cancer patients.

### Requirements

- ▲ High school diploma or equivalent.
- ▲ Completion of an associate degree from a school accredited by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). (California has nine of these schools located throughout the State.)
- ▲ Pass a certification test given by AHIMA to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).
- ▲ Detail oriented and accurate.

### Wages

- ▲ Medical Records and Health Information Technicians  
Median hourly wage: \$14.56
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$32,886

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

### Job Outlook

- ▲ Estimated number of Medical Records and Health Information Technicians in 2004: 13,900
- ▲ Estimated number of Medical Records and Health Information Technicians in 2014: 17,500
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 560

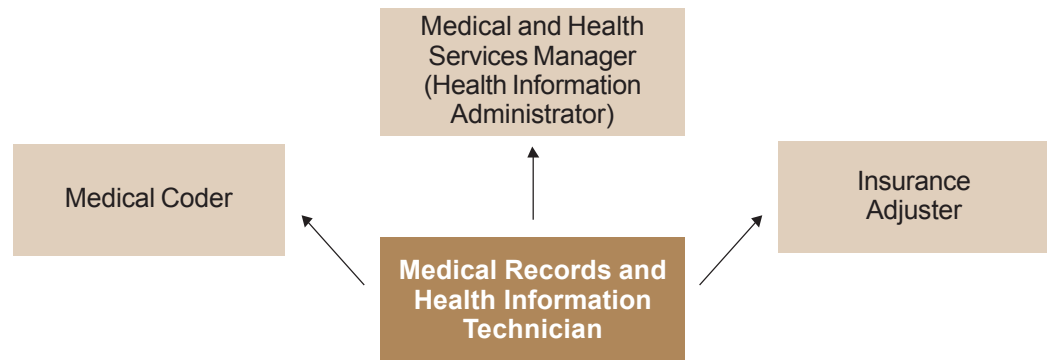
Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

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### *Sources of Information*

- ▲ American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)  
(312) 233-1100  
[www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org)
- ▲ California Health Information Association  
(559) 251-5038  
[www.californiahia.org](http://www.californiahia.org)
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No. 134  
Medical Record/Health Information Technicians and Administrators

### *Possible Career Paths*



*The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.*